

ATHLETICS AND PHILLIES WORK HARD IN TRAINING CAMPS—OTHER NEWS OF SPORTS

MACK REGULARS TO COMPETE IN BOSTON SERIES

Athletic Yanigans Leave Jacksonville Tonight on Trip Back North

RAY SHOWS WELL IN BOX

By CHANDLER D. RICHTER JACKSONVILLE, Fla., March 28.—After a consultation with Captain Harry Davis, which lasted until long after midnight, Manager Mack decided that the regulars of the Athletics would remain here instead of starting on the barnstorming trip north with the first squad which departs for Chattanooga tonight.

Manager Mack wanted to send the regulars on this trip, but Captain Davis advised him that the men needed more acclimating practice after their discouraging exhibition against Boston and Brooklyn prior to yesterday. As it is impossible to practice on the road in the morning, he decided to switch his plans.

Several of the regulars were very much worried about the proposed plan, as they were sure that they could not last more than a few days of morning and afternoon work here to put them on edge for the opening of the season. They learned that the lack of practice on the road would throw them back to where they started as far as condition is concerned.

Ray Shows Well

The work of one or two youngsters today may cause Mack to change the roster of his two teams, but the team as lined up yesterday is the one which will start the championship season. Unless one or two of the young twirlers, who were left at home when the regulars went to Daytona and Miami, show a great reversal of form, the same pitchers will stay with the regulars with the exception of Ray, the Greensboro southpaw, who pitched great ball against Brooklyn, who will take the place of the poorest conditioned man of the regular staff.

It is well that Mack decided to keep the regulars in Jacksonville for the remaining games with Boston, as the team would not relish the idea of paying good money to see a poor team meet an aggregation like the Braves, Stallings' team had no trouble showing up the mixed aggregation down in Miami, and presenting a weaker line-up would make the contests a farce.

The team which held Brooklyn to a 1 to 0 score yesterday, in one of the best spring training games we have witnessed in years, will give any team in the country a battle if the pitching holds up, and the final games with the Braves should be close. The Mackmen had plenty of gas and fighting spirit yesterday, but their batting was still off form.

In the field the Dodgers were outplayed, although both teams contributed sensational plays. Joe Bush, who started on the mound for the Mackmen, had everything in the way of speed, but lacked control, and Brooklyn's two runs were due to passes and his tendency to waste pitches until he worked himself into a hole.

Witt Makes Debut

Aside from the complete awakening of the Mackmen with the reconstructed lineup, the feature of the game was the great debut of Lawson Witt, the Goddard Seminary youngster. The spring clashes come and go and "Ty Cobbs" appear in every camp for a few weeks, but this young man is bound to be one of the pleasant surprises of the season.

Mack used him at shortstop, a position he never played until last week and he is naturally shy in many respects as far as fielding is concerned. This weakness can be corrected and the youngster's batting ability will greatly strengthen the team.

Witt looked good in practice before the regulars took their trip, but like all youngsters he was yet to be tested. Some people are sure to say that one game is no test but any one who saw this youthful outfielder litter step across the plate and while the crossfire fast ball served up by a southpaw pitcher of Smith's calibre, need not worry about Witt's clubbing ability.

WELCOME A. A. WILL

OPEN SEASON APRIL 29

Manager Holt Has Signed Up Fast Nine—Ledger A. A. First Opponent

Nate Holt, manager of Welcome A. A., which played in the West Philadelphia League last season as the Men's Friendly, have secured an inclosed grounds at 33d and Gray's Ferry road, where his team will meet the fastest traveling attractions securable. Manager Holt signed a speedy bunch and is sanguine that Welcome will have a good season, both from a financial and sport viewpoint. Among the players signed, and one who is expected to do grand work, is "Bobby" Rodgers, a Texas right-hander, secured from Elmwood. The youngster was attached up against the fastest team last year and went through the season without a defeat. Holt says he has "everything." Welcome opens the season April 29, with Ledger A. A.

TWO BIG SHOTS TODAY

Guns Will Crack at Whitemarsh and Camden Traps

Two big shooting events are listed on the card today. A white flyer test is down for the Fort Side Club at Whitemarsh and target competition is listed at the Camden Shooting Association's grounds. Besides the usual club matches at the Fort Side Inn Club, Davy Paul, of South Philadelphia, will meet Earl Meirath, of Philadelphia, holder of the Harrisburg Sportsmen's Association cup, and State live-bird competition, in a challenge test. The challenge event is at 25 birds. Both men are in fine form and a close exciting race is promised.

ELIS TO SWIM CHICAGO

Meet for National Intercollegiate Title Will Be Held April 22

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 28.—A swimming meet to determine the national intercollegiate championship will be held in Chicago on April 22, between Yale, Middle Western and University of Chicago, Middle Western champion. The Blue swimmers will also participate in other meets, the tentative schedule being as follows: April 20, Buffalo Athletic Club, Buffalo; April 21, Pittsburgh Athletic Association, at Pittsburgh; April 22, Cincinnati Gymnasium and Athletic Club, at Cincinnati; April 23, Chicago Athletic Club, at Chicago; April 25, Detroit Athletic Club, at Detroit.

Evening Ledger Decisions of Ring Bouts Last Night

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PITT WINS INDOOR TITLE

Albright Beats Weitz and Schwartz in 1000-Yard Run

PITTSBURGH, March 28.—The University of Pittsburgh won the sixth annual indoor track championships of the Middle Atlantic Amateur Athletic Union here last night by scoring 35 points. Indiana, Pa. Normal School and the Pittsburgh Athletic Association tied for second place, with 25 points.

Samuel Weitz, Philadelphia, the Middle Atlantic indoor champion of 1915, was defeated by W. Albright of the University of Pittsburgh, owing to a mistake by engineers in measuring the track. The event was run over a course of 900 yards. Joseph Schwartz, of Philadelphia, finished third.

TENNIS PLAYERS SHOULD ADOPT VOLLEY BOARDS

Fine Points Can Be Rehearsed Without Worry Over Opponent's Attack

By WILLIAM T. TILDEN, 2D (Germantown Cricket Club.)

The volley board is at last beginning to be recognized as an important adjunct to tennis development. It is slowly gaining its right place in Philadelphia.

A year ago the only thing one knew of volley boards around the city was hearing a few people bemoan their fate that they had no place to practice strokes and then recalls the New York clubs and their boards. Nothing like a board was seen here and last year there seemed no chance of getting one.

But "goodness me, how times have changed." If one may quote a certain song. In less than six months plans have been completed for the installing of four volley boards or their substitutes. Cynical club is putting one in. West Philadelphia and Frankford High School both have volley practice in their gymnasiums. Germantown Academy is putting up a board 36 feet long in its field. It is hoped that before the end of this season all the clubs will have this most necessary means of obtaining practice.

Not long ago while talking to a prominent tennis player, in fact, a man who has held the national title, the question of volley boards came up. This man said that he believed a player could learn more about strokes and footwork by playing against a volley board than by actual competition. This seems like a pretty sweeping assertion, but when we consider that in actual competition you must concentrate on winning the point, while against a volley board you need only think about the power of your stroke and position of your feet, we will agree with this statement.

The best way to practice against a volley board is to play "pat ball" in perfect form. Do not "slag" against a volley board. First because it tends to make you careless with the actual shot that you hit hard, and, second, because the ball returns to you so quickly from the board you have no time to think of position and stroke.

A volley board is an asset to acquire steadiness, accuracy and form; it is to correct faulty footwork; it is to solidify your game; it is not to make you brilliant; brilliancy must be acquired on the court.

When practicing against a volley board pick out a certain shot and try and make it a certain number of times without missing—say 10 straight forehand drives, then 10 backhand drives. Stick to it until you can do 10 any time you wish. Then raise the limit to 15, and so on up.

Where it is impossible to find a regular volley board, any place with a flat wall and level ground will answer very well. The side of a house and a gravel driveway formed the basis for one well-known player's game. Another tells me he used a stable door; another a wall in the top floor of his house; still another used to break all the windows in a certain room while trying to learn Williams' forehand drive.

People are likely to break quite a few things when they try that shot. The safest place to be when some one is practicing Williams' stroke is usually the opposite court.

We could cite many queer and often amusing means of getting excellent tennis practice on substitute volley boards. So join the ranks of the volley-board enthusiasts and ask your club to get one. If it doesn't buy one for a substitute. But the time is shortly coming in Philadelphia when volley boards will be as universal as tennis courts themselves.

RED AND BLUE'S DASH MAY ROUT TIGERS' BRAUN

Fives Clash for College Championship in Weightman Hall Tonight

EXTREMES IN PHYSIQUE

The 1915-16 championship of the Intercollegiate Basketball League will be determined in Weightman Hall this evening, when Princeton and Pennsylvania, contenders for the honors, play before a record crowd.

Princeton has the biggest team in the Intercollegiate League and Pennsylvania the smallest. It is a peculiar coincidence that the teams should have tied for first place, each having won eight games and lost two. It is singular, too, that both of the contenders were beaten by the same team—Yale.

The Pennsylvania team that will battle with the much-vaunted Tigers this evening will be the smallest aggregation in height and weight that ever fought for the title. The average weight will not exceed 145 pounds, there being but one player—McNichol—weighing more than 150 pounds.

Because of the illness of Jones, Lou Martin, the former Southern High School star, will do a roving backfield duty. This switch brings Johnny Connolly, the former La Salle star, into the game at forward. Williamson and Connolly, the Penn forwards, will not bring up the bar at more than 125 pounds each, and Martin will not do much better. What the trio, however, lack in weight they make up in speed.

Smallness may do its advantage in this contest should the officials be strict. The Tigers may have a lot of fouting if Pennsylvania plays an aggressive game. It is difficult to stop the progress of a little fellow without fouling him, and while the average basketball fan doesn't hold out much hope of Pennsylvania grabbing the title, yet stranger things have happened.

This is the way the teams will line up: Pennsylvania forward.....Princeton Free Williams.....forward.....Free Williams.....forward.....Hans DeLoach.....forward.....McNichol.....forward.....Martin.....star.....Davis McNichol.....guard.....Katharine DeLoach.....J. H. Deering, Manhattan Training School.....Extra officials—Berrier, Tom Thorpe, Columbia; umpire, Al Sharpe, Cornell.

AMATEUR BASEBALL NOTES

The John G. Winters club, formerly Southwick F. C., would like to hear from all strictly first-class teams having grounds, games or facilities for Saturdays, Sundays, weekdays and Sundays. Address Jack Hines, 2544 South Warrick.

Gabry G. Hope has been engaged to manage the Fleming A. C. for the coming season and is anxious to hear from all 12-14 year-old clubs in or out of the city, saying little expense for 10 men. Address 1018 Carpenter street.

A good semi-professional team of the northwestern section of the city, would like to obtain the services of a manager, a catcher and a pitcher who are willing to play for sport. Write to the editor of the Evening Ledger, Philadelphia, or communicate with Mr. James H. Weir, 1516 North American Building, Philadelphia, Pa.

Rich Stakes for Racers

HARTFORD, Conn., March 29.—Eleven races for a total purse of \$23,000 will comprise the program for the annual Grand Circuit races at Charter Oak Park, September 4 to 9.

New Officials for Pirates Club

PITTSBURGH, Pa., March 29.—Announcement has been made here that Peter F. Kelley, formerly secretary of the Boston National League club, has been appointed business manager of the Pittsburgh Pirates.

P. B. & W. R. R. A. Carnival

NATIONAL A. C.—Tonight BOBBY MCCANN vs. JOHNNY BOSSI RITZ WALKER vs. PETE HINE WILHELM HANSON vs. JOE O'NEILL STANLEY HINCHER vs. TOMMY O'KEEFE BATTLE ROYAL vs. BATTLE ROYAL Mon. 25c. Res. 50c, 75c and \$1.

HUHN TO PLAY POTTER

Meet in Final Round for Racquet Club Tennis Title

W. H. T. Huhn and Wilson Potter will meet in the final round of the Class A court tennis singles handicap tournament at the Racquet Club today. Huhn defeated W. L. Landreth, 8-6, 2-6, in the semifinal yesterday. In the first round Huhn received a default from D. L. Hutchinson, 3d.

Huhn, who holds the club and national doubles titles with Jay Gould, gave Landreth the handicap of half-thirty, resulting in a close and hard-fought match. The victor played excellent tennis, and his usually good service was better than ever, he serving 11 "nicks." Landreth deserves every credit for his plucky fight.

10-ROUND BOUTS ARE URGED AT EDWARDS' FEAST

William Gray Makes Plea for Longer Contests in Philadelphia

Boxing bouts of 10-round duration in Philadelphia proved to be the keynote in speechmaking at the Good Fellowship Dinner given in honor of Harry D. Edwards, president of the Olympia A. A., at the Hotel Walton last night previous to the promoter's trip west. William A. Gray, former Assistant District Attorney, made a ringing plea for an increase of four rounds to boxing here. Mr. Gray said he did not speak for the legal aspects of the case. He well remembered when boxing was so conducted that it was deemed for the best interests of the city that bouts be prohibited. He also well remembered the reintroduction of boxing, and has watched the game grow in popularity while it has been conducted along legitimate lines.

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SCRAPPY SCRAPS ABOUT SCRAPPERS

The Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington Railroad Athletic Association will stage a boxing carnival at the National Athletic Club tonight, which will feature the battle between Joe Kelly and Stanley Hinkle, Joe O'Neil and Willie Harmon, Pete Watson and Ed. Walsh, Hugh McLean and Johnny Ross, Danny Hunk and Frankie McCarty, and a battle royal make up the program.

Another local match probably will be effected by a few days on the feature for a local club. Negotiations for a bout between Sam Houlden and Ed. McAndrews are on.

"How old do you think Willie Meekin is?" asked a fan of his relatives on the night at the Olympia Club Monday night. "Oh, I should say 28, at least," was the answer. "And he's giving him the best of it," chimed in the customer on the left of the interrogator, and Willie says he only reached his majority just Christmas. Jack Carroll is 23 years old.

A return 15-round match between Lapsiana and Henry Chavez may be staged in Denver in two weeks or so. If the match is consummated it will be their fourth meeting. Louist got the decision in their last mix.

"Was dropped in first round, eight seconds to add," states a telegram received this morning from Jimmy Reynolds, local boxer, who met Tony Zito in Youngstown last night and pulled stopped fight. The comedian says if a man is put down once, the fight must be stopped. This was the first fight here in two years and I had to pay the penalty for the new rules. Wasn't hurt and felt great for this fight. Zill is a tough little fellow."

Smoky Hollow fans will be in their glory tomorrow night when five boxers of that district meet as many representatives of other sections of the city at the Broadway Club. Mickey Gallagher meets Stanley Hinkle in the main event.

Frankie White will be forced to stay on the sidelines for several weeks. He is suffering with a fracture of a small bone in his nose. White was anxious to continue boxing, but he followed advice of his friends to have his small organ put in shape first.

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